



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
Board of Veterans' Appeals  
Washington, DC 20420

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Mr. Jasper Craven  
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Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 02/27/2019, which was received on 03/15/2019 by the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board). Your request sought all e-mails between Dr. Michael Fallon (Michael.fallon@va.gov), Gabrielle Saunders (Gabrielle.saunders@va.gov), Stephanie McGovern (Stephanie.mcgovern@va.gov), Jake Leinenkugel and all officials in VA leadership (<https://www.va.gov/opa/bios/>) concerning service dogs for PTSD between Jan. 1, 2017 and present day. You indicated that the keywords include: "ptsd" "dog" "canine" "study" "results" "evidence" and "price."

We conducted a reasonable search within the e-mail address of Chairman Cheryl Mason for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to identify or locate any responsive records.

If you are unsatisfied with this response, please know that as part of the 2007 FOIA amendments, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) was created to offer mediation services. Similarly, as part of the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, VA established a FOIA Public Liaison to offer mediation services. Both OGIS and the VA Public Liaison will assist in resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and VA as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS or the VA FOIA Public Liaison does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS or the VA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

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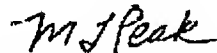
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While an adequate search was conducted, you may appeal by writing to the Chief Counsel, Information Law Group (024), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Your appeal must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. 5 U.S.C.A. § (a) 6 (A) (i) (III) (aa). Please state clearly why you disagree with the determination of this office.

Sincerely,



Margaret L. Peak  
FOIA/Privacy Officer